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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Makoto MATUSOKA *et al.*
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SEPARATING SEMICONDUCTOR CHIPS
Group AU : 1734
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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED OFFICE ACTION
AND RESTART OF THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

POB 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

29 September 2004

Sir:

Applicant has received an Office Action mailed 21 September 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. Applicant respectfully submits that the Action is incomplete and unclear as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.104 (MPEP §707.07), for the following reasons.

At Items 4 and 5 in the Detailed Action, Claims 10 and 12-15 are variously rejected under 35 USC §103 over combinations of the cited references, including the reference to "Moore." However, no such reference is of record in the application, has not been cited to or by the Office in any previous related application or in the present Office Action, and no identification of the country/number of the reference is given. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that it would not be possible to file

a *bona fide* and complete response to the rejections in the 21 September Office Action, and therefore, the Action is defective under 37 CFR §1.104.

Further, MPEP §710.06 states in relevant *verbatim*, “[w]here the citation of a reference is incorrect or an Office action contains some other defect and this error is called to the attention of the Office within 1 month of the mail date of the action, the Office will restart the previously set period for reply to run from the date the error is corrected, if requested to do so by applicant.” **Applicant respectfully requests that the period for response be restarted** as of the mailing date of any replacement Action or other Communication which corrects the defective 21 September 2004 Office Action.

No Petition or fee is required for entry of this Request.

Respectfully submitted,



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